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CDC Update: CDC case definition of anthrax and
summary of confirmed cases

CDC case definition of anthrax

CDC defines a confirmed case of anthrax as 1) a clinically compatible case of cutaneous, inhalational, or gastrointestinal illness that is laboratory confirmed by isolation of *B. anthracis* from an affected tissue or site or 2) other laboratory evidence of *B. anthracis* infection based on at least two supportive laboratory tests.

October 21, 2001 - Summary of confirmed cases

Based on this definition, CDC is reporting eight confirmed cases of anthrax: two in Florida, three in New York, two in New Jersey, and one case in Washington, D.C. (in collaboration with public health officials in Maryland and Virginia).

One additional unconfirmed case is under investigation.

For the latest update on CDC activities and on-going anthrax investigations visit www.bt.cdc.gov or www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media